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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, applicant(s) elect(s) Figure 3 of Species 1, without traverse. Figure 3 corresponds to claims 1-17 and 19-21.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING
APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner having jurisdiction over the subject application approve the amendments to the drawings as indicated in RED on the attached copy of Figure 3.

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